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REMARKS

Claims 1-21 and 25-30 are allowed. Claims 22-24 are canceled without prejudice. The Applicant reserves the right to pursue canceled and withdrawn claims in one or more continuing and divisional applications.

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

The Applicant recognizes that in accordance with M.P.E.P. § 1302.14, the Examiner's reasons for allowance need not set forth all of the details as to why the claims are allowed.

The Applicant does not concede that the Examiner's stated reasons for allowance are the only reasons for which the claims are allowable. The claims may be allowable for other reasons as well. In particular, the Applicant does not concede that all of the limitations identified by the Examiner are necessary to distinguish the prior art of record or to satisfy the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112. In addition, the Examiner does not assert, and the Applicant would not concede, that the Examiner's reasons have any bearing on the patentability of claims in any other applications directed to the disclosed subject matter.

In addition, each dependent claim stands on its own and is allowable on its own merits. In particular, each dependent claim may be allowable on the basis of a combination of some of the features recited in the dependent claim and its base claim(s), which combination of features may not include all of the limitations identified in the Examiner's reasons for allowance.

Section 103(a) Rejections

Claims 22-24 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as allegedly being unpatentable over Balonon-Rosen, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,307,961) in view of Balasubramanian, et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,744,534).

The rejection of claims 22-24 is moot, as these claims are canceled.

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Conclusion

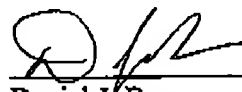
By responding in the foregoing remarks only to particular positions taken by the examiner, the Applicant does not acquiesce with other positions that have not been explicitly addressed. In addition, the Applicant's arguments for the patentability of a claim should not be understood as implying that no other reasons for the patentability of that claim exist.

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